

STRIKING BAATIL

"In reality, We (Allah) strike baatil (falsehood) with the Haq. It then smashes out the brains of baatil. And, lo, it (baatil) suddenly disappears."
(Qur'aan)

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THE BAND OF HAQ

"There will ever remain a band from my Ummah fighting on the Haq until the Day of Qiyaamah. Those who oppose them and those who do not aid them, will not be able to harm them."
(Hadith)

THE TALIBAN -- ALLAH'S VICTORIOUS ARMY

*"Many were the small groups which defeated large armies with the permission of Allah Ta'ala."
(Qur'aan)*

Ten years down the line since the invasion of Afghanistan by the American super power with its coalition of 50 kuffaar countries, the formerly dubbed 'Rag Tag' Taliban 'army', has humbled and humiliated the combined armies and air-forces of 50 nations. This 'Rag Tag' Army of Allah Azza Wa Jal is, Alhamdulillah, marching from strength to strength. Thousands of U.S. and NATO soldiers have been killed, and many more thousands wounded have been evacuated.

The power and resilience of the so-called Taliban 'insurgency' is

acknowledged by the highest power echelons of the kuffaar forces. The following report of the Western Media bears more than adequate testimony for the *Nusrat of Allah (Divine Aid)* which the Taliban 'Rag Tag' Army is enjoying:

NATO CAMPAIGN HAVING LITTLE IMPACT ON TALIBAN, SAY U.S. INTELLIGENCE

By Arthur Bright - The Christian Science Monitor

"The CIA and the Defence Intelligence Agency reportedly say that insurgents are weathering NATO efforts by hiding in Pakistan.

The Taliban and other insurgents in Afghanistan have been largely unaffected by NATO's campaign, according to assessments by US intelligence services.

The Washington Post reports that the CIA, the Defence Intelligence Agency, and other US intelligence services are in broad agreement that the Taliban and the Haqqani network, an independent militant group allied with the Taliban, have suffered only minor setbacks due to NATO's campaign.

A senior Defense Department official, who is involved in assessments of the war, told Post: "The insurgency seems to be maintaining its resilience", and that Taliban elements are consistently able to 're-establish and rejuvenate', sometimes within days of

being defeated by US forces. He continued to say that he couldn't see any sign of the momentum shifting.

While the CIA has stepped up unmanned drone attacks in Pakistan in recent months, the Defense Department official told Post, 'For senior leadership, not much has changed. At most we are seeing lines of support disrupted, but it's temporary. They're still setting strategic guidance for operations against coalition forces in Afghanistan.

The US intelligence assessments are likely to add to the international debate over how much longer the US and NATO-led mission there should go on. This year has seen the highest number of foreign troop deaths in Afghanistan since the conflict began, according to a tally by Agence France-Presse. AFP reports that the death of a NATO soldier on Wednesday brings the count this year to 603, and more than 2,170 in total."

"THE U.S. HAS NO CHOICE" - GORBACHEV

"The last man to order an end to large-scale military operations in Afghanistan, Mikael Gorbachev, told the BBC that 'victory is impossible in Afghanistan', and that he applauds President Obama's plan to remove

troops from Afghanistan beginning next year.

Mr. Gorbachev, who as leader of the former Soviet Union ordered Soviet forces out of Afghanistan more than 20 years ago, ending a 10-year war, said that the US really has no choice. 'What's the alternative - another Vietnam? Sending in half a million troops? That wouldn't work?' (*The Christian Science Monitor*)

DRONE ATTACKS

"Around 35 such (drone) attacks since September 3, have killed more than 185 people, according to an AFP toll. Around 150 drone strikes since August 2008 have killed more than 1200."

Most of the murdered people are civilians.

ADMISSION OF DEFEAT

"They (the kuffaar) even unitedly (with their coalition) cannot fight you (O Mu'mineen!) except from within fortified barracks and from behind walls." (Qur'aan)

Testifying to this Qur'aanic truth and reality, Leon Panetta, the spy director of the CIA, commenting on the U.S. unmanned drone attacks against the Taliban at a conference in California, said: "Its precise, its limited in terms of collateral damage and very frankly, it's the only game in town in terms of confronting and trying to disrupt the Al-Qaeda leadership."

This is an implicit admission of the defeat of U.S. and Nato forces on the ground. The aggressors have lost the ground war. Even their air forces have

failed to subdue the Taliban. Now the cowards are desperately resorting to unmanned drone attacks which injure and kill innumerable civilians who are perennially dubbed 'insurgents' by the American and Nato terrorists.

The Words of Allah Azza Wa Jal hold true for all time. That the Taliban, despite their material, military and spiritual weaknesses - militarily they are supposed to be no match whatsoever for the vastly superior forces of the invaders - have succeeded to defeat the combined armies of 50 countries, led by the super powers of the world, is nothing but a conspicuous and an undeniable MIRACLE. There is no other explanation. May Allah Ta'ala cause the rout of the enemy at the hands of the Taliban. May Allah Ta'ala bestow to His 'Rag Tag' Army a resounding and a glorious victory over the forces of brutality, aggression and kufr.

FOR U.S. AND NATO THE WAR CANNOT BE WON - U.S. LOOKING FOR AN EXIT STRATEGY

BY ZIA SARHADI

Even the most diehard warriors in Washington have realized that the war in Afghanistan is lost. David Petraeus, the much-touted American general whose admirers never tire of reminding Americans that it was his "surge" in Iraq that turned the war around in that blighted country, has admitted that he was not fighting to win; only to avoid defeat. This must be very hard for any general to say - much less one suffering from enormous self-importance and with political ambitions to boot - but the resistance in Afghanistan has forced such candid admission.

True, there is no shortage of arm-chair warriors in Washington insisting that the US cannot cut and run, or that President Barack Obama does not have

the spine for a fight. Typical of these is Michael Gerson whose opinion piece in the Washington Post on September 24, was headlined: "The reluctant commander in chief". Referring to Bob Woodward's revelations in his latest book about discussion in the White House over Afghan war strategy prior to last December's surge, Gerson writes: "What comes across is a president deeply skeptical about the Afghan war, suspicious of the advice of military leaders and obsessed with finding exits and setting withdrawal deadlines." Gerson belongs to the endless war crowd of neocons but this group of armchair warriors is not doing the fighting.

The consequences of war have to be borne by Obama, not the Zionist cabal that insists on endless wars in which the

sons and daughters of other people die. It is interesting to note that not one neocon has a son or daughter serving either in Iraq or Afghanistan and, therefore, is in danger of losing none to the ravages of war. It is the children of the rural and urban poor that must carry the burden of war to secure resources for the greedy gnomes of the military-industrial complex. Gerson concludes his piece by saying: "the more we know about Obama's views of the Afghan war, the less confidence he inspires."

Not everyone in Washington is as gung-ho about war as Gerson and his fellow neocon travelers in the Project for the New American Century that has brought America to the brink of economic and military ignominy. David Ignatius is no peacenik; he is a realist but has realized through conversations

with generals and political insiders in Washington that the war in Afghanistan is unwinnable. Anyone with even rudimentary knowledge of the situation in Afghanistan would confirm this. Already by September 2009, the US-NATO war casualties had exceeded the total of any previous year's. Ignatius urged Obama to test Iran's willingness "to join regional efforts to stabilize Afghanistan." (*Washington Post*, September 17, 2010).

Ignatius is a consummate insider and his columns reflect the views of the establishment. The phrase, "stabilize Afghanistan" is a euphemism for enabling the US to make a face-saving exit from there. Ignatius offers tantalizing prospects for how the US could conduct dialogue with Iran over Afghanistan.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH A MUJAAHID

In an interview with the *Unjust Media*, Mullah Brader, one of the Taliban commanders in the Marjah district of Helmand Province, said: “The invaders and their puppets are in central Marjah. The Mujahideen have surrounded them. The invaders are locked in their base, and they dare not emerge for they are aware that the Mujahideen are lying in ambush for them.

Sometimes the enemy ventures out. When it does, it comes out in huge numbers. But as soon as their tanks are targeted by Mujahideen IED’s, they scurry back to their base like mice. As the

cowards crawl back, they fire indiscriminately on civilians.

The enemy randomly arrests and out of revenge shoot innocent people. After arresting them, the prisoners are taken to the enemy’s base where they are tortured. The invaders resort to drugs to overcome their depression and other mental illnesses. They are also heavily engaging in the opium trade. I have personally witnessed the invaders using heroin. We also have evidence that the leadership of the invaders is involved in the heroin trade.”

TALIBAN STRATEGY

Currently tens of thousands of Nato, U.S. and Afghan troops have flooded Kandhar province where the coalition of aggressors is staging a massive ‘operation’ to defeat the Taliban. Commenting on this type of enemy operation, a senior civilian of Kandhar said:

“When such operations take place, the Taliban prefer to go undercover and when these coalition forces think they have almost achieved their goal and plan to slow down – or we could say they get exhausted – then the Taliban reappear out of nowhere with their full strength.”

“In September 2006, a Canadian-led force pushed the Taliban out of Zhari and Panjwai in an operation that cost 28 coalition lives. Months later,

the Taliban were back.

A Taliban spokesman said: “In some areas, the enemy (the coalition) cannot move forward due to fear of ambushes and strikes with improvised explosive devices. Afghan Taliban fighters have not felt much impact from the campaign, but have turned to guerrilla tactics and not moving around in large numbers.”

Still insurgents continue to attack police and local officials. On a single day earlier this month, they killed Kandhar’s deputy mayor and a former district chief in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, there have been outbreaks in other provinces – Baghdis in the northwest, Kunduz and Baghlan and Takhar in the north.” (*DAWN Daily, Pakistan*)

TALIBAN CAPTURE LARGE MILITARY BASE - ENEMY FLEES IN DISARRAY

Qaari Muhammad Yusuf Ahmadi, official spokesman of the Taliban in Afghanistan reporting on the capture of a large enemy base, stated:

“October 11, 2010 – **Huge US military base vacated in Kunar** – The US invading forces have vacated a huge military base in the most strategic location in Kunar Province’s Marwi district last night. This enemy base has been under constant siege and attacks by Mujahideen for about a year. The Mujahideen finally closed in on the enemy, forcing US forces to flee by helicopters.

For about a year, all logistical supplies, arms, etc. have been transported to this base by air, the ground routes being forbidden territory for the aggressors. Now the Mujahideen have gained total control of this base located in the border area of this district known

as Ghashi Kandow. The base has 12 ten-room check posts, 47 security posts, one six-room kitchen, a mini-airfield, and a large workshop.

A couple of days ago the Mujahideen shot down one helicopter of this base, killing or wounding several US soldiers. While the wreckage of the helicopter still exists inside the base, the mainstream media have not reported on the fall of this very important and strategic base. Of the spoils of war captured by the Mujahideen at this base are a number of logistical trucks, motorcycles, rocket launchers, spy radars, generators, a large amount of ammunition and food supplies.

US and NATO forces have abandoned almost all their outlying bases spread around the country. They are largely concentrated in city barracks and centres.

NATO TANKERS SET ABLAZE

Twenty seven NATO fuel tankers were set ablaze and utterly gutted by the Taliban on Monday, October 4, 2010 close to the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. The Mujahideen stormed the depot where dozens of tankers were being prepared for a NATO convoy. About twelve armed Mujahideen with automatic weapons stormed the depot from two sides. They opened fire and many tankers ignited on impact of the bullets. According to local police, six people were killed and none wounded.

When the attack commenced, all the drivers fled. This was the second time the Taliban had launched attacks against NATO convoys in recent days. Three days earlier, in the Sindh province, 27 trucks carrying supplies for NATO troops were set alight and destroyed by the Mujahideen.

According to the BBC, NATO convoys are regularly attacked in Pakistan and most of them have little or no security.

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“Obama told us that as part of Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s push for “reintegration” with the Taliban, Iran should join regional talks about stability,” Ignatius wrote. He then quotes Obama directly: “Iran should be a partner and could be a constructive partner,” in the dialogue process. Ignatius went on: “Advocates argue that stabilizing Afghanistan is a strategic priority and that the United States should seek help wherever it can. They also argue that rather than undermining talks on the nuclear issue [with Iran], contacts on Afghanistan could be an important confidence-building measure.”

Ignatius concludes with an interesting admission: “I hope the administration will open a US-Iranian channel on Afghanistan soon, before the morass there gets any worse... and bring all the key regional powers into a process that could allow an eventual withdrawal of US troops.” US commentators have realized that America should be seriously looking for a way out of Afghanistan regardless of what the generals say. They always demand more troops and when that demand has been fulfilled, they ask for another batch of several thousand. If the politicians refuse, then the generals say that they were about to win but the politicians would not let them. This is how the US ended up with 500,000 troops in Vietnam and General William Westmoreland kept on asking for more including the demand

that North Vietnam be bombed with nuclear weapons. Agent Orange, a chemical defoliant, was used extensively in Vietnam, poisoning its water and destroying its forests. There was no crime the US would not have perpetrated to “win” but it still did not win in Vietnam.

Obama wants to avoid more than the Saigon moment; he wants to avoid being sucked into an endless supply of troops — they are in any case not available — because he knows that the Afghans cannot be defeated.

At long last, some saner voices are beginning to be heard in Washington. One of these was the report released by the Afghanistan Study Group on September 8. Made up of an ad hoc group of former government officials, well-known academics and policy experts assembled by the New America Foundation, the report makes a strong case for dramatically reducing America’s footprint in its longest and most expensive war. Taking apart the argument of the war crowd — al-Qaeda’s presence in Afghanistan — the report notes that “there are only some 400 hard-core al-Qaeda members remaining in the entire Af-Pak theater, most of them hiding in Pakistan’s northwest provinces.” It points out that the US does not need to commit 100,000 troops to fight a band of 400 rag-tag al-Qaeda fighters. The war costs the US approximately \$100 billion a year — about seven times Afghanistan’s annual gross domestic

product of \$14 billion and more than the cost of Obama’s health-care plan. Considering that price tag alongside the number of troops killed or seriously wounded, the report concludes: “the US interests at stake in Afghanistan do not warrant this level of sacrifice.”

The report argues that despite increasing troop commitments, the level of violence has escalated and support for the Taliban has increased. “Since 2005, as we put more troops and money into this effort, the US and NATO have been expanding their presence throughout Afghanistan and trying to expand the reach of the Afghan central government,” according to Matthew Hoh, director of the Afghanistan Study Group. A former US Marine and Afghanistan-based State Department official, Hoh resigned his post in protest over the conduct of the war and US strategy. He went on: “Since then, all we have seen is more casualties, more combat, increased support for the Taliban and decreased support for the Karzai government.”

The study group strongly encourages policymakers to re-conceptualize the conflict in Afghanistan. It argues that rather than seeing the war as a struggle between Karzai’s central government and a Taliban insurgency, it should be viewed as a “civil war” about power-sharing across ethnic, geographic and sectarian lines. It recommends decreasing and eventually ending US military operations while keeping the

focus on al-Qaeda. At the same time, the US should encourage political power-sharing, economic development and diplomatic engagement by other countries in the region, something Ignatius had also recommended in his September 17th opinion piece.

It is inaccurate to describe the war in Afghanistan as a “civil war” since the Afghans are not fighting among themselves. The real fighting is between the Afghans led by the Taliban and the foreign occupation forces. Local Afghans backed by the US or NATO are simply window dressing to maintain the fiction that the US is backing a legitimate government. There is no government in Afghanistan; the sham Karzai-led ruling class provides no services to the people. Sitting in the presidential palace protected by American guards hardly constitutes a government. If foreign troops leave, the Karzai government will immediately fall.

The sooner this fact is realized in Washington, the better for all concerned. It will end the tours of duty for all foreign troops but more importantly, it will end the misery of the long-suffering Afghan people. The Afghanistan Study Group has made an important contribution in bringing to an end America’s insanity and vanity. One hopes there are saner heads in Washington that see the futility of this war, if not for the Afghans’ sake, then for their own. A bankrupt America is in no position to prosecute endless wars regardless of the neocons’ death wish.

TALIBAN JIHAD OPERATIONS

October 11, 2010:

- * In an ambush in Char Bolak district, the Taliban killed four U.S. soldiers and wounded two.
- * Three U.S. soldiers killed in the provincial capital of Logar when the Mujahideen exploded an enemy tank with an IED.
- * About 70 US airborne troops were dropped off by helicopters in Hajo Abdullah Khan Ghwanda in the Mirmand area of Gerishk district. The invaders came under fierce Mujahideen fire from four sides. The invaders were forced to take refuge in an abandoned house and are currently under siege by Mujahideen. About 50 enemy tanks arrived to relieve and save the besieged invaders. But, their way back has been blocked by Mujahideen laying IED's. Helicopters too are unable to relieve the besieged because of Mujahideen missile strikes. The invaders have suffered heavy casualties. The exact number is not known. Two Mujahideen have been injured in this operation so far. The reckless and vengeful bombing by the US terrorists have ruined the fields and crops of the local peasants.
- * Mujahideen in the Zhiri Pashmool area detonated four IED's which had been tactically placed for maximum damage. In Birana 6 US soldiers and 3 Afghan puppet soldiers were killed and more than 10 wound-

ed severely.

October 12, 2010:

- * This morning at about 8:00, US helicopters arrived at Ghashi Kando area, Marwari district, to execute an operation against the Taliban who had captured the American base just yesterday. However, the Mujahideen expecting such an attack, were waiting in ambush. The helicopters were targeted with heavy and light weapons on arrival. One helicopter was shot down, killing 26 troops. The aggressors heavily bombarded the area. Mostly civilians suffered. The extent of the damage and civilian casualties are as yet not known.
- * At least ten ANA (Afghan National Army) – American puppets – were killed and 5 seriously wounded when a mine planted by the Mujahideen detonated at the enemy location in Terenkot city. Among the dead were two officers.
- * A puppet police check post in Kandhar city's Brishna Kot area was attacked by the Taliban on Monday night, killing three Afghan police.
- * Two British terrorists who were standing on their tank were shot dead at about 5 pm yesterday by a Mujahid sniper in Nad Ali's Chanjir area.
- * Mujahideen detonated a remote control IED on a US vehicle this morning. The vehicle was completely obliterated and all US soldiers on

- board were killed. This happened in Showz Durahi area of Shindand district. The dead bodies are still lying on the scene. The enemy is mortally terrified to retrieve the bodies fearing more possible mines and ambushes.
- * A US tank was destroyed by an IED at about 9 am, killing and wounding all invaders on board, in Sangin's Sarkhabad Karez area.
- * Some 10 mortar rounds landed inside a joint US-Afghan check post located in Arghandbad district's Surkhsang area this morning. The extent of the damage is not known.
- * A US tank was smashed into bits by a roadside bomb in Maiwand's Nada area at 6 pm. All terrorists on board were killed.
- * Mujahideen torched a NATO fuel tanker at about 12 pm last night in Kandhar city's Halqowe Sarak area. The driver was killed. Simultaneously the Mujahideen ambushed a police vehicle in Loe Wiyala's Familo area in Kandhar city. The vehicle was destroyed and the single policeman was killed. At 1 pm another 2 police were killed in 3rd Nihah area in the heart of the city.
- * Thirteen Afghan policemen were killed and three wounded when Mujahideen attacked them near Ajiristan (Daya) district at about 10 this morning. They were killed when they were enaging in an operation in Mir

- Khan village, but were forced to flee after sustaining these casualties. The Mujahideen seized a considerable amount of equipment abandoned by the puppet police.
- * Two U.S. terrorists were killed and two wounded when Mujahideen attacked their foot patrol in Marjah's Malik Charahi area. In another incident, in Kochni Yazda area, a US tank was destroyed by an IED, killing or wounding all the foreign terrorists on board.
- * In the Margha area near Kunduz, the Mujahideen killed 2 special forces terrorists in an ambush at about 1 am.
- * In the Zurmat district of Paktia, two US tanks were destroyed by IED's.
- * Mujahideen fired 6 rockets and 4 mortar rounds at the enemy military base situated in Sayedabad district of Wardag province.
- * Mujahideen ambushed an enemy convoy along the Kabul-Kandhar highway in Muqar district of Ghazni, killing 10 ANA soldiers and destroying 3 military trucks, 3 Surf vehicles and one Corolla car.
- * Six American soldiers were killed and six wounded yesterday when their military convoy drove into a Mujahideen ambush in Shinki village of Andaro district. The Mujahideen suffered no casualties in the 40 minute intense fighting.

TALIBAN OPERATIONS

The Taliban operations against the US and NATO coalition forces are too numerous to report. What has been mentioned here are a few operations of just two days. The Taliban are fighting on all fronts - all over the country. The style of the fighting has considerably changed. In view of the large casualties suffered by the invaders, and because they are unable to defend their many bases in remote parts of the country, the coalition forces have withdrawn from all outlying bases, and have taken refuge in large barracks located in and near to cities.

The US and NATO aggressors have publicly stated that it is not

possible to defend the many bases all over the country, hence they have withdrawn for their own safety. Now the Taliban is taking the fight to the cowardly invaders. The coalition forces almost never pursue the Taliban. They are terrified of the IED's and perennial ambushes. The only occasions when they dare venture out from the safety of their fortifications, is during huge 'operations' well-planned much in advance and enjoying murderous aerial cover. Without the cover of their air forces, it is a total impossibility for the enemy to stage any operation. This reality is conceded by the enemy forces.

The enemy has forgotten about the 'Rag-Tag' designation which they had awarded the Taliban in the initial stage of their invasion. Despite the Taliban in reality still being a 'Rag-Tag' army, all enemy forces have learnt to respect and dread the Taliban. The Taliban are the Army of Allah Azza Wa Jal. Allah's Armies pitted against the aggressor kuffaar forces have always, throughout history, been 'Rag Tag' forces which have no comparison in worldly terms to the superior kuffaar armies and armadas.

"And, if you (O Mu'mineen!) aid the (Deen of) Allah, He will aid you and plant your feet firmly (against the enemy)."
(Qur'aan)

TALIBAN LAUNCH DARING ATTACK ON NATO BASE

"Taliban Mujahideen with rockets and grenades launched a daring pre-dawn attack on the giant US air base at Bagram. The attack on the base continued into daylight. Rockets landed inside the base. Helicopter gunships were used against the Taliban attackers. The *NBC NEWS* stated: "The Bagram attack came one day after a suicide bomber struck a U.S. convoy in Kabul, killing 18 people.

The back-to-back strikes appeared to be part of a Taliban offensive that the insurgents announced earlier this month – even as the U.S. and its partners prepare for a major operation to restore order in the turbulent south. The insurgent attacks against both the capital and a major American military installation show the militants are prepared to strike at the heart of the U.S.-led mission.Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said 20 suicide attackers carried out the attack. In February 2007, a suicide bombing killed more than 20 people at a Bagram security gate while Vice President Dick Cheney was inside.

The Bagram assault followed the **deadliest day of the year for U.S. forces** in Afghanistan with seven Americans dead..... The dead in the Kabul attack included Canadian Col. Geoff Parker, 42, the highest-ranking member of the Canadian Forces to die in Afghanistan since the Canadian mission began in 2002."

THE U.S. IS LOOSING

"The US faces a deteriorating military and security situation throughout Afghanistan and rising opposition to the war at home. These were the conditions under which the Obama administration announced the 30,000 troop surge into the country last December, in an attempt (*albeit horribly futile –Al-Haq*) to drown the resistance in blood. But despite this, the US has been unable to quell the massive resistance. With the September 21

deaths of nine US troops in a helicopter crash (*shot down by the Taliban – Al-Haq*) in Zabul province, southern Afghanistan, 2010 became the deadliest year for NATO forces since the 2001 invasion. At least 529 NATO troops have been killed so far this year." (Robert Stevens)

AIR STRIKES

Having failed on the ground in Afghanistan, U.S. and Nato are primarily relying on air strikes and unmanned drone attacks. A CBS News report says: "Air strikes in Afghanistan are up 50 per cent and now Defense Secretary Gates has ordered a second aircraft carrier, the USS Lincoln, into the fight.

Two carriers operating off the coast of Pakistan means about 120 aircraft

available for missions over Afghanistan. And that's not counting U.S. Air Force missions flown out of Bagram and Kandhar." Add to this the incremental use of unmanned drone attacks. Despite this formidable air armada and its murderous and cowardly 'achievements', the Taliban have not been quelled. The desperate enemy has failed to understand the simple reality that a country, least of all Afghanistan, cannot be held and ruled from the air by murderous thugs.

THEIR NUMERICAL STRENGTH

Pitted against the few thousand, less than 10,000 Taliban fighters, are more than 150,000 coalition troops and 300,000 local Afghan troops of the Afghan National Army, trained by America. Yet, the U.S. bellows for more, pressurizing other nations under its hegemony to contribute troops.

AFGHANISTAN THEIR NIGHTMARE

(EXTRACTS FROM, THE BRITISH PAPER, 'THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH'- REPORT BY SEAN RAYMENT, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT)

"Six days to travel 8 kilometres – 2 hours to patrol 600 metres"

"Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2) Patrick Hyde was attacked on 15 separate occasions during his company's six month mission, part of which was to secure a key supply route leading to the strategically important town of Sangin. His unit – A Company 4 Rifles – was forced to contend with 200 improvised explosive device (IED) incidents.

Fragmentation bombs, dubbed by the soldiers as "party poppers" were routinely fired at troops, armoured vehicles were attacked with long range Chinese rockets, dummy bombs were used to lure in bomb disposal teams, and insurgents recruited children to plant IEDs just yards away from British bases.

One in four of the company were killed or injured in battle - a casualty rate last experienced by the British Army in the Korean War. Ten soldiers were killed in action and a further 53 were wounded.

WO2 Hyde, A Company's sergeant major, was in charge of a six-strong team which ran a daily gauntlet of bomb attacks to keep beleaguered troops supplied with food, water and ammunition. The 34-year-old married father of two was hit by IEDs 11 times while in a vehicle and twice while on foot patrol. On two other occasions his Mastiff armoured troop carrier was struck by rockets.

In an interview with *The Sunday Telegraph*, WO2 Hyde, who has served in the Army for 17-years, said: "We prepared ourselves for the very worst but I didn't expect that many casualties. It was unrelenting, the attacks were coming in thick and fast. "One of our bases was attacked 25 times a day from multiple firing points. One culvert (under ground drainage tunnel), which had to be defended to prevent Taliban from planting a bomb inside, caused 12 casualties. Two were killed and there was one triple and one double amputee."

Sangin has become the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in the Afghan War. Since 2006, the Taliban have been trying to force British troops to leave the town.

Forward Operating Base Inkerman, where A Coy 4 Rifles were based during their tour between October 2009 and April this year, sits on Route 611, one of the main transit routes into Sangin. During A Company's tour, the road became riddled with IEDs which effectively made re-supplying the British base impossible. Alternative supply routes through the desert were equally dangerous, with re-supply operations taking six days to travel eight kilometres.

Commanders feared that if FOB Inkerman could not be sustained it would have to be abandoned and the Taliban would be given unfettered access into Sangin.

It was decided that the only option was to create a series of patrol bases adjacent to the road in a bid to secure it from Taliban bombers and to give the local population and British troops greater freedom of movement.

During the tour, WO2 Hyde's team – call sign Hades 49 – became the most heavily deployed unit in the whole of the area, spending on average 60 hours a week on the ground re-supplying various small bases. Early in the company's tour, WO2 Hyde was on a patrol to clear a route in an area close to the British base when Rifleman Sam Bassett, 20, was killed.

"There was a massive bang. At that stage you know that you are going to have a casualty. I ran down the line of troops and told everyone to stay still. The patrol commander had been hit in the neck by a lump of shrapnel and there was another casualty further forward. I moved up and jumped into the crater where Rifleman Bassett was injured. He had lost both his legs but was still conscious. We managed to get him out and onto a helicopter but he died in hospital. We later discovered that there were three other devices in the same area, one of which I had driven across."

A few weeks later WO2 Hyde survived another attack when an IED detonated 10 feet in front of him while he was searching an area of ground. The blast knocked him backwards and he sustained whiplash injuries but was otherwise unscathed.

On another occasion, the sergeant major spent 26 hours in a Mastiff, which had been blown up by two Russian-made anti-tank mines stacked on top of each other.

Describing the event, he said: "We were moving down Route 611 to recover a vehicle which had been blown up after a 107mm rocket had been fired at it. The vehicle had burned for 36 hours and no one had gone near it but as soon as the fire went out, the area was flooded with kids.

"What we didn't know at the time was that the Taliban had managed to lay three devices in a carefully planned IED ambush in just 20 minutes, in broad daylight in an area being monitored by two bases with cameras.

"My team of six was split between two Mastiffs and as we moved down towards the area of the damaged vehicle we hit the two anti-tank mines. It was a massive explosion, which took the front end off the Mastiff. The shock wave tore through the vehicle. You are left feeling physically sick. I was providing top cover and was pretty shaken up.

"But the Mastiff is an awesome vehicle and everyone was OK. I got out and did a check of the area and discovered another device, which was designed to take out a soldier. We also later found another device in an area

UN OFFICE ATTACKED

In the Afghan city of Herat, Taliban attacked the UN office on Saturday, October 23. A large section of the building was destroyed in a bomb blast. According to the Taliban, 12 of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghan-

istan had been killed in the attack. Gunmen also took part in the attack. Exactly 12 months ago – last October – the Taliban attacked a UN facility in Kabul. Five foreign UN personnel were killed. As a consequence of the attack, the United Nations evacuated hundreds of foreign workers.

DEFEATED BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM SANGIN

(WORLD SOCIALIST WEB SITE)

"On September 20, the last 1000 remaining UK troops withdrew from Sangin, southern Afghanistan. After more than four years, they handed over control of their bases to the United States.

The withdrawal is officially presented as merely redeployment, with the troops, part of an overall total British force of 9,500 in Afghanistan, being sent to central Helmand province. But nothing can gloss over the fact that Britain has suffered a major defeat. This is not, as sections of the media claim, merely because Sangin has become a "training ground" for the Taliban, British armed forces were driven out as occupiers by a determined, popular insurgency.

That is why the *Daily Mail* acknowledged, "Senior military officials are desperate for it not to be seen as an admission of defeat or a retreat after the fiercest fighting for British soldiers since the Second World War."

The withdrawal underscores the criminal destruction of life as a result of this dirty, imperialist war. Media reports paint a devastating picture of the situation that has faced the troops, year after year. By the time of their departure, 104 British soldiers, almost a third of the 337 British soldiers killed in Afghanistan, died in and around this small town.

Under the headline, "Sangin: at last we're leaving hell", the *Daily Express* noted in addition that in the first four-and-a-half years since the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan, five British soldiers were killed. The vast majority have died since early 2006 and the redeployment of Brit-

ish troops to Helmand. In April a report in the London *Times* stated that more than 10 percent of the daily casualties suffered by occupation forces were being taken by the UK 3 Rifles Battle Group in Sangin, even though the group represented only 0.8 percent of the total NATO force in Afghanistan.

The British Army was under attack, even as the handover ceremony took place, with the *Daily Mail* reporting "fierce fire-fights...just 800 metres from the main base in the district centre."

.....Twice now, the cost associated with this has forced a humiliating military retreat on Britain, first in the southern city of Basra, and now in Sangin.

The *Independent* acknowledged last week, "The British could, theoretically, have divested themselves of Sangin, and the losses which came with it, earlier. But here a sensitive chapter in Anglo-American relations came into play. There is little doubt that senior officers in the US military were critical of the way UK forces conducted themselves towards the end of their deployment in Iraq...and then withdrawing altogether when Washington was requesting that they stay on."

The British withdrawal, despite official claims to the contrary, has occasioned bitterness and recriminations from the US Army. In addition, claims that US control over Sangin will result in a strengthening of overall control of the region are without foundation. Describing the enormous popular opposition awaiting the US, the *Daily Telegraph* grimly predicted: "*Sangin handover: only the nationalities on the tombstones will change*"

VICTORY IS FOR THE AFGHANS

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan issued the following statement: "Obama and his team should understand that victory is the fate of the Afghans. Your war machine and the sophisticated technology have failed in

the face of the strong determination of the Afghans. The deserts, mountains, rocks and the plant of Afghanistan are ringing with the voice of onslaught and strike. Now it is up to you to see whether you have the capacity to confront the country-wide upheaval of the Afghans or attempt to secure your future destiny from crumbling."

where a helicopter would have landed if we had had a casualty. There was no way an operation could be mounted to recover us that evening so we remained in the vehicle for the next 26 hours until we were rescued."

WO2 Hyde said occasions did arise when some of his soldiers would question the need for operations or patrols When we arrived we were told that FOB Inkerman was unsustainable but we kept it functioning" But towards the end of the tour the

numbers of battle casualty replacements could not keep pace with the numbers of troops being wounded. "In the last month of the tour we constantly said to ourselves, "do we need to do this operation or this patrol?". We couldn't afford to take any more casualties so we reduced the number of patrols to those which we deemed vital. By the end of the tour it was taking two hours to patrol 600 metres so we had very limited freedom of movement."

"TALIBAN – THE SUPER SOLDIERS"

Costing the U.S. \$100 million to kill each Taliban Mujahid

(Mathew Nasuti, Kabul Press)

"Killing 20 Taliban costs \$1 Billion / Killing all the Taliban would cost \$1.7 Trillion"

The Pentagon will not tell the public what it costs to locate, target and kill a single Taliban soldier because the price-tag is so scandalously high that it makes the Taliban appear to be Super-Soldiers. As set out in this article, the estimated cost to kill each Taliban is as high as \$100 million, with a conservative estimate being \$50 million. A public discussion should be taking place in the United States regarding whether the Taliban have become too expensive an enemy to defeat.

Each month the Pentagon generates a ream of dubious statistics designed to create the illusion of progress in Afghanistan. In response this author decided to compile his own statistics. As the goal of any war is to kill the enemy, the idea was to calculate what it actually costs to kill just one of the enemy. The obstacles encountered in generating such a statistic are formidable. The problem is that the Pentagon continues to illegally classify all negative war news and embarrassing information. Regardless, some information has been collected from independent sources. Here is what we know in summary and round numbers:

- 1. Taliban Field Strength: 35,000 troops**
- 2. Taliban Killed Per Year by Coalition forces: 2,000** (best available information)
- 3. Pentagon Direct Costs for Afghan War for 2010: \$100 billion**
- 4. Pentagon Indirect Costs for Afghan War for 2010: \$100 billion**

Using the fact that 2,000 Taliban are being killed each year and that the Pentagon spends \$200 billion per year on the war in Afghanistan, one simply has to divide one number into the other. That calculation reveals that \$100 million is being spent to kill each Taliban soldier. In order to be conservative, the author decided to double the number of Taliban being killed each year by U.S. and NATO forces (although the likeli-

hood of such being true is unlikely). This reduces the cost to kill each Taliban to \$50 million. The final number is outrageously high regardless of how one calculates it.

To put this information another way, using the conservative estimate of \$50 million to kill each Taliban:

It costs the American taxpayers \$1 billion to kill 20 Taliban

As the U.S. military estimates there to be 35,000 hard-core Taliban and assuming that no reinforcements and replacements will arrive from Pakistan and Iran:

Just killing the existing Taliban would cost \$1.75 Trillion

The reason for these exorbitant costs is that the United States has the world's most mechanized, computerized, weaponized and synchronized military, not to mention the most pampered (at least at Forward Operating Bases). An estimated 150,000 civilian contractors support, protect, feed and cater to the American personnel in Afghanistan, which is an astonishing number. The Americans enjoy such perks and distinctions in part because no other country is willing to pay (waste) so much money on their military.

The ponderous American war machine is a logistics nightmare and a maintenance train wreck. It is also part-myth. This author served at a senior level within the U.S. Air Force. Air Force "smart" bombs are no way near as consistently accurate as the Pentagon boasts; Army mortars remain inaccurate; even standard American field rifles are frequently outmatched by Taliban weapons, which have a longer range. The American public would pale if it actually learned the full story about the poor quality of the weapons and equipment that are being purchased with its tax dollars. The Taliban's best ally within the United States may be the Pentagon, whose contempt for fiscal responsibility and accountability may force a premature U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan as the Americans cannot continue to fund these Pentagon excesses.

If President Obama refuses to drastically reform the Pentagon's inefficient way of making war, he may conclude that the Taliban is simply too expen-

sive an enemy to fight. He would then have little choice but to abandon the Afghan people to the Taliban's "Super-Soldiers." That would be an intolerable disgrace.

The problem is not simply within the Pentagon.

The hapless U.S. State Department is equally to blame. It:

- 1.** Continues to sit on the sidelines of this war;
- 2.** Refused for nine years to deploy an adequate number of civilian experts;
- 3.** Continues to hire abusive and disreputable security contractors;
- 4.** Failed to fight for the needs of Afghan civilians; and
- 5.** Has made little effort to win their hearts and minds.

A crucial statistic that demonstrates this is to compare military and security expenditures by the United States in Afghanistan with expenditures for civilian aid, such as reconstruction. That statistic is as follows:

Money spent on Military/Security: \$365 billion
Money spent on Afghan civilians: \$8.5 billion

This latter number spells out "FAILURE." U.S. diplomats and USAID officials have failed to improve the lives of ordinary Afghans and as a result they have accomplished the impossible. Their lack of resolve and interest has made an increasing number of disillusioned Afghans view Taliban rule as potentially an improvement.

To fill the gap created by Pentagon silence on this issue, media groups have published their own Taliban casualty count based on official and press reports. That count is inflated as the U.S. military labels everyone it kills a "Taliban militant," even if they are criminals, drug traders, war lords or civilians defending their homes. As a result of the Pentagon's lack of credibility on this issue, this author assumes that only 50% of those labeled as Taliban actually are.

The Associated Press has reported that 3,800 militants were killed in 2008, and 4,500 in 2009. Pro-NATO blogs, such as the web site "Terrorist Death Watch," have calculated that 3,667 terrorists have been killed in Afghanistan since January 1, 2006, (about 700 per year). The author assumes that

an average of 2,000 hard-core Taliban are killed each year

U.S. Military Costs:

Total military expenditures in Afghanistan are not clear as the Pentagon does not release all of its direct and indirect cost for the war. While most direct costs are known, billions of dollars in CIA and special operations costs are improperly classified and remain hidden. In addition, the indirect costs for the war (i.e., military regular pay, equipment depreciation, wear & tear, long term health costs, Pentagon support costs within the U.S., USTRANSCOM transportation costs, transport hub costs such as Manas air base, costs for borrowing funds etc.) are not precisely known. Independent studies conducted of the Iraq war are available and they calculate that the indirect costs equal or exceed the direct costs.

What we know about Pentagon direct costs is as follows:

- * From 2001, to April 2009, the Pentagon directly spent \$171.7 billion in Afghanistan.
- * From May 2009, to the present, the Pentagon directly spent an additional \$166.3 billion. This is an incredible increase over the past 17 months. Monthly expenditures have also seen a staggering increase.
- * October 2009, the Pentagon was directly spending \$3.6 billion a month.
- * February 2010, the Pentagon was directly spending \$6.7 billion a month.
- * October 2010, with the addition of 35,000 more combat and support troops into Afghanistan, the number must be close to \$8 billion a month.

Some estimates place direct Pentagon Afghan war costs for all of 2010, at \$105 billion.

U.S. State Department Costs:

Officially the State Department and USAID have expended about \$35 billion in Afghanistan since 2001. According to most audits, about 75% or \$27.5 billion has been spent on training, housing and equipping the Afghan security services, and road construction with the balance (\$8.5 billion) being spent on civilian projects. Much of this \$8.5 billion has been wasted on dilapidated schools and minor "trophy" projects in Kabul.

"A FOUL VENTURE"

"The Afghan occupation is a foul venture based on the brutal subjugation of an impoverished nation of fewer than 30 million people. Regardless of the conduct of this or that soldier, whether heroic or base, the military and political elites are guilty of an unspeakable crime. Working people internationally must demand an end to the war and the immediate withdrawal of all US, British and foreign troops. Those who planned and executed this war of plunder should be brought before a war crimes tribunal and the court of world public opinion."

(Robert Stevens –
World Socialist Web Site)

20 TALIBAN FOR \$1 BILLION

According to the research of Mathew Nasuti of Kabul Press "it costs the American taxpayers \$1 billion to kill 20 Taliban". With regard to 20 Mujaahideen, Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed: *"And, if among you there are twenty Saabiroom (pious Mujaahideen), they will defeat two hundred, and if among you there are a hundred, they will defeat a thousand of those who are kuffaar. That is because they (the kuffaar) are a nation without intelligence."*

Furthermore, in actual fact, it costs the U.S. substantially more than the \$100 million

per Mujahid. This figure has been determined on the basis of the U.S. killing 2000 Mujahideen a year. The facts of the ground belie this American propaganda contention. Everyone whom the brutal aggressors kill is labelled 'Taliban'. In this regard, Mathew Nasuti says:

"That count (of 2000) is inflated as the U.S. military labels everyone it kills a 'Taliban militant', even if they are criminals, drug traders, warlords or civilians defending their homes. As a result of the Pentagon's lack of credibility on this issue, this author assumes that only 50% of those labelled as Taliban actually are."

IN THE BATTLEFIELD

".....Probing by both sides have already sparked sharp clashes. A recent one at Spin Pir, within sight of the (American) base, began in the morning with intense exchanges of fire and ended at dusk with U.S. Apache helicopters performing lethal aerial ballet-twisting before raking insurgent positions with rockets and machine gun fire. Within the same 12-hour period, a supply convoy was ambushed within metres of the base, and four U.S. soldiers were wounded when their vehicle was struck by an

improvised explosive device.

"IED's, they're always going to be in your head. I try not to think about it, just go day to day and hope it never happens," says Pfc. Richard Flynn who took part in the Spin Pir clash.

A few days earlier, a dozen insurgents ambushed a re-supply convoy from the base along Highway 1. The paymaster of the Afghan unit partnered with Benchiff's battalion, was killed and four others were wounded.(Dawn Daily, Karachi, Pakistan)

CONSPIRACY UPON CONSPIRACY!!!

“VERILY, THEIR CONSPIRACIES MAKE EVEN MOUNTAINS MOVE.” – QUR’AAN

Gadahh Call To Attack Americans Comes From Israel

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Al Qaeda Spokesman Adam Gadahn Works For The Israeli Government, End Of Story

“Israeli terrorist ‘clones’ are responsible for most hard line rhetoric, threats and, if we investigated closely, have actually recruited terrorists and directly inspired, if not planned and executed, attacks on Americans...Gadahh is part of it, so is Wikileaks”

CAN GADAHN PULL THIS OFF, THE “NEW AND IMPROVED” 9/11?

A call to arms, demanding Muslims in America and elsewhere to begin a terror campaign, was spread around the world. The message, we are told, was found on a “secret website” by an Israeli company who put it in a press release.

There is no evidence any American Muslim has ever been on the website referred to, no American intelligence agency could find it, not the CIA or the FBI or Homeland Security. There was only one way the 300,000 Muslims of Detroit could hear the call to terrorism, from an Israeli company that passes on such messages for profit. Does it create them too? You be the judge.

Let’s look at a possible analogy. If you were to capture a vicious rabid dog in the wilderness and turned it loose in a children’s playground, would you be a terrorist? This is essentially what is being admitted to. What is in question, another analogy, is whether you purposefully infected the dog with rabies in the first place. Either way, you are a terrorist.

Adam Gadahn, the “American Taliban,” the lisping, overweight bungler continually calling for the murder of Americans is really named Adam Perlman from a family highly influential in the Anti-Defamation League. The group distributing his threats, SITE Intelligence, contracted to the American government, is run by a former IDF member whose father was executed in Iraq as a Mossad terrorist. SITE Intelligence is the source of the Osama bin Laden tapes long proven to be, not only the wrong voice, but to resemble bin Laden so little as to have become a joke.

Gadahh came on the scene when

tapes of Osama bin Laden claiming credit for 9/11 failed forensic examination. They were counterfeits. The CIA’s own version had bin Laden denying any involvement. This was late 2001 and Americans hadn’t been told that the story about Tora Bora, the many stories about Tora Bora, warlords covering for bin Laden, American troops being pulled back at the last minute by presidential order or the Delta Force being betrayed, were all lies. Osama bin Laden, already dying from kidney failure, was murdered by one of his own men on December 14, 2001. Pakistan’s ISI had informants there, it was leaked to the newspapers and was widely reported. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto even announced it in an interview with BBC’s David Frost.

With a 9/11 denial “on the books” and bin Laden dead, there would be no invasion of Iraq, no new leader was “in place” to bring out for the American people, no new “boogeyman.”

The very real conspiracy, covering up the sickening truth about 9/11, the treasonous intelligence doctoring leading to the disaster in Iraq and the upcoming years of building a drug empire in Afghanistan, stealing billions in oil from Iraq, the thinly disguised martial law decrees in America and the planned attack on Iran, was threatened unless, somehow, Osama bin Laden could be brought back to life.

Nearly a decade later, Pakistan’s intelligence chief, General Pasha does everything but scream it from rooftops, when he carefully hints to a dull witted ABC interviewer that bin Laden is dead. Journalist Arnaud de Borchgrave of UPI and Washington Times fame, makes it as clear as possible when he says “Bin Laden is as dead as Elvis.” Even CIA director Leon Panetta confirms there is no evidence of bin Laden since “late 2001.”

With bin Laden dead, it all falls apart, Al Qaeda, 9/11, and the continual accusations made against Pakistan. Still, we hear it. Bin Laden touring Afghanistan or as with last weeks report, “living in luxury” in Iran.

Not only is bin Laden dead but when he was alive, the BBC confirmed that he had absolutely no terrorist organization of any kind, masterminded no plots, controlled no organizations and had no more involvement on the world stage other than, at one time, helping the CIA raise money to fund refugee organizations during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Contrary to what has been reported, bin Laden never raised money for weapons. That task was left to Gulbudin Hikmatyar, the CIA paymaster who received \$800,000,000 in US funds. Today we are told Hikmatyar

may be in Iran. However, we have verified that he is actually in Pakistan, working directly with the CIA as “go between” with the Taliban, taking an active role in the current talks with the Karzai government. Few in Afghanistan trust Hikmatyar, long a favorite with CIA and Pakistan “hard liners.”

If anything, the myth of Osama bin Laden is actually Hikmatyar. What is said bin Laden did in Afghanistan was always Hikmatyar, CIA “moneymen” and terrorist. Problem is, he is still a CIA moneyman and terrorist, flying on American planes, going on and off American bases but listed with the Department of Homeland Security as one of the most wanted terrorists in the world. The truth, Hikmatyar is seen by the US as their “dealmaker” in Afghanistan, something many in Afghanistan find both frightening and delusional.

Perhaps one of the most frightening issues of the ‘war on terror’ or, more appropriately, ‘the phony war on terror’ has been the use of ‘terrorist clones’ like Adam Perlman, the Israeli actor playing a Taliban leader on videos distributed by Israeli intelligence. The real insanity is that the videos aren’t produced to just fool Americans into rebuilding the coalition of Islamophobics and paranoids typified by the subscribers. Please, visit this website. See if everything on it doesn’t just scream “Look out, the boogeyman is coming, quick, hide under your bed!”

Things aren’t that innocent. Much of the message is going to the Islamic community worldwide and is reaching people who are angry and looking for someone to blame. Those funding Adam Gadahn, those magically finding his mysterious broadcasts and those distributing them to the world are giving material support to terrorism. They are, in fact, terrorists.

The message they, our friends, you know exactly who I mean, are spreading is clear: “Attack and kill Americans, not just in Iraq and Afghanistan, but anywhere you can find them in the world. They are the real enemy, not Israel.”

Does anyone wonder why Gadahn never calls for attacks on Israel? In fact, Al Qaeda doesn’t seem to know Israel exists. They never threaten Israel. They never attack Israel. They never even mention Israel, never. All those Osama bin Laden and Adam Perlman, sorry, “Adam Gadahn” tapes have one thing in common.

Israel doesn’t exist. Get the picture? Here is what Perlman, lets be straight about it, his name is Perlman, his family is Jewish, Zionist, and very active in the ADL. This is what he or is it ‘they’ are advocating in this statement released yesterday:

“Emigrant communities like those which live on the margins of society in the miserable suburbs of Paris, London and Detroit, or are from those arriving in America or Europe to study in its universities or seek their daily bread in the streets of its cities...you have an opportunity to strike the leaders of unbelief and retaliate against them on their own soil, as long as there is no covenant between you and them”

Clear and simple, we are hearing

what Israel is telling the world, the Muslim world, is the voice of Al Qaeda. What is Israel, or rather “Al Qaeda” telling us? Please attack Britain, France and the United States but leave Israel alone.

Detroit has a Muslim population of 300,000 yet, the one terrorist attack there was done by a mentally incompetent Nigerian national. Do you remember the “crotch bomber?” Do you wonder why the story disappeared from the news so quickly? When two Detroit attorneys caught airport officials putting the terrorist on a plane, airport officials working for an Israeli company, things fell apart.

When Veterans Today discovered from intelligence sources in both Nigeria and Ghana that the boy’s family was not only tied directly to the CIA but the father was a business partner in an Israeli defense firm, it came apart further. When this came out, a news “blackout” fell and the story died.

When the government of Yemen found laptop computers belonging to “Al Qaeda” that showed a clear record of daily contacts with “handlers” in Israel, the story died totally.

The Detroit bombing told us two things:

The vast majority of American Muslims are Americans and have no loyalty to religious extremists or any other country. That is “those other guys.” American Muslims are mostly, not only Republicans but politically active in the party and very conservative.

Terrorists can’t move around the world without help, either visas, real or phony, passports, security “walk arounds” and more. If a grandmother with a knitting needle and an American passport could never, under any imaginable circumstances, get on a plane in Schipol Airport, how did a single male, Nigerian, Muslim, no passport at all... he wasn’t carrying any identification of any kind and, this is the best part, a bomb strapped to his genitals get seated on a plane ahead of the rest of the passengers. Remember, you first have to get into a country with no passport, around immigration, then you have to go through airport security and prove you have proper immigration documents then you are checked again before boarding. Abdul Mohammed, without Mossad help, stood a better chance of winning the Irish Sweepstakes than getting on that plane.

Is that a bomb in your pants or are you just glad to see me?

THE PERLMAN/WIKILEAKS “NON-EVENT”

For years, Perlman, masquerading as a spokesman for Al Qaeda, has put out childish videos, all the time to help certain political races, influence arms sales to Israel, or as with yesterday’s treat, to reinforce the Wikileaks fiasco, another attempt to con America. Last time Wikileaks tried to get the US to cut all aid to Pakistan, an act which would have made the war in Afghanistan even worse than it is now, if that’s possible. This one is time to a Wikileak “custom crafted” to blame the world’s

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MARJAH – U.S. DEFEATED

“The Pentagon refuses to disclose the total number of Taliban killed each month in Afghanistan by coalition forces, special operations personnel and the CIA. One reason became obvious during Operation Moshtarak in Marjah earlier this year. The Pentagon and NATO refused to specify the actual number of Taliban casualties in Marjah because the number was embarrassingly low. American, NATO and Afghan forces reportedly suffered more casualties (killed and wounded) than they inflicted on the Taliban, making Marjah a military defeat for the West (if casualties determine victory or defeat).” (Mathew Nasuti, Kabul Press).

SLANDERING THE SOLDIERS OF ALLAH

Question: Sheikh Nuh Keller has made the following comments about the Taliban:

- * The Taliban's movement was blessed until they slaughtered the Shi'ites
- * The Taliban acted improperly by destroying the Buddha idols
- * They beat women who wore squeaky shoes
- * The Taliban's Da'wah was imported from the Saudi Wahhaabis
- * The Taliban lacked education and they only whipped people.

He further attributes the success of the Afghanis against the Russians during the 1980's to their distaste for the Saudi Wahhabis. In the struggle against the American invasion, the barakah has left their movement primarily because of their flirtation with the Saudi Wahhaabis. Please throw some light on this issue for the benefit of Muslims.

OUR COMMENTS

It is quite obvious that Sheikh Keller suffers from indoctrination by the western media. All of his baseless facts have been gleaned from the western anti-Islam media. Our brief responses to the aforementioned baseless allegations which are tantamount to slander against the Taliban, are as follows:

The Taliban slaughtered the Shi'ites

This is utterly slanderous. Never did the Taliban 'slaughter' the Shiah. The impression which this slander conveys is that the Taliban had embarked on a massacre of the Shiah – men, women and children – that they committed genocide. What is Keller's evidence for

this slander? During the reign of the Taliban, the places of worship and the tombs of worship, and the religious functions of the Shiah were all allowed.

Sayyaf and Hikmatyar, who are not Taliban, had committed massacres. They had destroyed entire suburbs of Shiah. Both these persons are semi-modernists. Sayyaf is today in cahoots with Kerzai while Hikmatyar was given refuge by Shiah Iran.

The Buddha idols

It is indeed lamentable that Keller makes issue over the destruction of the idols of kufr and shirk. Destruction of idolatry was the primary objective of the mission of Rasulullah's Nubuwwat. On the occasion of the Conquest of Makkah, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) had delayed his entry into the Ka'bah until every idol was removed and destroyed, and until every vestige of idolatry was washed from the holy walls of the Ka'bah. The Qur'aan Majeed speaks glowingly of Nabi Ibraaheem's decapitation and destruction of the idols which his people worshipped. No intelligent Muslim whose *Aql* (Brain) functions correctly can criticize the Taliban for having destroyed the idols of shirk and kufr. The Taliban acted 100% in conformity with the Shariah when they destroyed the idols.

Squeaky shoes

The source of this misinformation is again only the western media. It is simply another slanderous accusation. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) prohibited women from wearing high-

heeled shoes. He invoked the *la'nat* (curse) of Allah Ta'ala on such women. The Taliban order prohibiting women from wearing such haraam shoes is 100% in conformity with the command of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Furthermore there was no beating as alleged by Keller and the western media. The issue of 'squeaky' shoes is false in entirety.

Wahhabi Da'wah

This is another lie which Keller swallowed from the western media. Firstly, the Taliban are 100% followers of the Hanafi Math-hab. Their primitive and simple background make them the staunchest Hanafis on earth. When they assumed power, they closed down the *ghair muqallid* training camp of Lashkr-e-Taibah which flourishes in Pakistan and which is involved in the Kashmir conflict.

Despite Usama Bin Ladin and his Arab following being given sanctuary in Afghanistan, they were never allowed to propagate their Salafi brand of Islam. In fact, Usama's mentor, Shaikh Abdullah Izzam, had made it abundantly clear to the Arab Mujahideen in Afghanistan: "*If you desire to engage in Jihad in Afghanistan, then stay like 'Hanafis'.*"

What is Keller's evidence for his utterly baseless accusation that the da'wah of the Taliban is influenced by the Saudi Wahhabis? Which *Aqeedah* and which *Furoo-i-Masaa-il* of the Saudi Salafis do the Taliban propagate?

Whipping

Firstly, whipping is a command of the Shariah. According to the Hanafi

Math-hab, the punishment known as *Ta'zeer* (a maximum of 39 or 40 lashes) is a Shar'i ordinance. Keller must indeed be grossly ignorant of Fiqh to lodge objection against *Ta'zeer* which all Math-habs propagate. The Qur'aan and Ahaadith substantiate whipping for certain crimes and sins committed flagrantly in the public. If the Taliban had whipped people, it never was random whipping. The Shar'i Courts decided cases in strict accord with the Shariah. *Ta'zeer and Hudood* punishments are integral constituents of the Islamic Penal Code practised since the time of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). But Keller's westernized mind is subservient to western concepts and norms, hence he laments this action of the Taliban.

Distaste for the Saudi Wahhabis during the 1980's

Keller's ignorance is scandalous. During the 1980's there was firstly no official Taliban Movement although the present Taliban were in the forefront in the fight to oust the Russian invaders and to destroy the Afghan communist regime hoisted in Afghanistan by Moscow. Secondly, there was absolutely no 'distaste' for the Saudis in the ranks of the Afghans during the 1980's. During that period, the U.S.A., Saudi Arabia, all the Gulf States, Pakistan – in fact the entire western world were supporting the Afghan struggle against the Soviet Union to the hilt.

The U.S.A. poured in hundreds of billions of dollars of arms and ammunition, and billions of dollars in

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CONSPIRACY UPON CONSPIRACY!!!

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ills on Iran, target number one for Israel. As a "three fer," the New York Times and MSNBC went after Iran for "secretly" buying off [President Karzai of Afghanistan](#).

We knew Karzai was aligned with India and Israel against Pakistan. Now he is "owned" by Iran? How many sides can one person be on?

When I was in Pakistan earlier in the year, Gadahn was said to be hiding in an apartment building in Karachi. The building was stormed, "Gadahn" was captured, a "Gadahn," not "the Gadahn." It seems that a "look alike" had been used to leave a false trail, the real Adam Perlman was safe and sound elsewhere, some place with video studios. The individual recruiting real terrorists to kill real Americans with real bombs is a real Israeli, no question about that, and not the first time.

It is also believed that the new "Al Qaeda" operations chief, Adnan Shukrijumah of Brooklyn, New York and Miami Beach is another Israeli creation, a phony terrorist, an actor, much like the phony "bin Ladens" of every shape and size used to scare small children after the death of the real bin Laden in December 2001.

During comprehensive briefings with Pakistans ISPR, the group that briefs people like, well, Secretary Clinton, it

was made clear to me that we were all on the same page, Osama bin Laden is dead. There was much discussion, some of it humorous, as how to let people know. After short discussions on this with ISPR DG General Athar Abbas I was summoned to a "mysterious" meeting.

This was General Ahmed Shurja Pasha, Director General of Pakistan's intelligence service known as the ISI. During a private lunch with the director, his top aide, Commodore Zafar Iqbal and author Jeff Gates, who was accompanying me on a lecture tour, one of the areas of discussion was dishonesty in journalism. An interview with a very prominent American journalist that General Pasha had held had been falsified. Statements regarding Pakistan and Mumbai were simply invented. This wasn't the first time I had run into this. A widely published interview between the editor of a Washington newspaper and former ISI Chief General Hamid Gul was similarly fabricated.

When I made reference to the Gul interview in an article, he phoned me. Gul, an editor at Veterans Today, a co-worker and good friend, pointed out that the interview never happened and was entirely made up. Another "famous journalist" with an agenda simply invented a story, had it published around the world, and the real

truth would be lost forever. Between video editing, phony interviews and released audio and video tapes of dead or non-existent "terrorists," the media has ended up being as strong a force promoting extremism and conflict as the real issues, which, frankly, none of us are that sure about anymore.

People like Pakistan's Imran Khan, who talk about extremism in realistic terms are seldom listened to. How can I prove this? Do you know who Imran Khan is? There is your answer.

IF THESE PLOYS DON'T WORK, CAN WE EXPECT ANOTHER 9/11?

This week, something surprising happened in Australia. In a world where you can't turn on a television without hearing how crazy people are who question the 9/11 cover story, even though Fox News seems to have changed sides on this issue, what you don't see are public opinion polls on 9/11. If Bill Maher or Jon Stewart, the "liberal progressives" of American television, with their continual attacks on "the right" show us one thing it is that, no matter how much you may find government a pack of useless liars, the magic "boxcutter and pancaking building" story on 9/11 must be adhered to. Even though those the 9/11 Truth movement blame, the Americans anyway, are your most vile political ene-

mies, when it comes to 9/11, you attack anyone who questions the Bush/Cheney doctrine like a rabid field mouse.

There is a reason for this. The ability to repeat 9/11, contain an investigation, keep press assets focused on a cover story few take seriously anymore, is vital. Without the ability to blow up an American city and blame Iran or an imaginary terrorist group, the "Masters of the Universe" will lose their ability to control the fate of the human race.

Thus, everything we have seen since 9/11 has been done to prepare us for the next 9/11. The last one finished Saddam, looted the American economy and imposed martial law on the United States. Iran and Pakistan still stand. With all the terror warnings, phony stories about imaginary nuclear programs, the threats, the sanctions and even Wikileaks, it all isn't going to be enough.

America is sick of war and not very likely to believe the media, not anymore. Big problem here, when you attack anyone's credibility, the Bush administration, Obama, Tony Blair, eventually people begin to question you too.

Watch Wikileaks dribble away into nothing. Watch the news try to pump air into this story and spin it against Iran. When that fails, maybe it will be time to hide under your bed after all.

SANGIN – IN THEIR MOMENT OF DEFEAT

“Sangin was the most dangerous district in Helmand – if not in the whole of Afghanistan. It is a key battleground for insurgents and coalition forces.”, said the BBC’s Ian Pannell in Kabul. Ian Sadler, whose son Jack was killed when a landmine exploded underneath his army Land Rover near Sangin in 2007, said he was glad troops were getting out of the area. “We are pulling out of a hotspot. It’s a particularly dangerous area in Afghanistan, so it’s a good thing”, he told the BBC.

“I think it is a shame that while our soldiers were in Sangin they did not have the best vehicles that could have been provided and I still don’t think there’s enough helicopters. They will be sad for the ones who have been killed, for those who have lost their arms and legs. But Sangin is like staying at a bad hotel – you’re glad when you don’t go back.”, he said.

Co. Stuart Tootal, former commander of 3 Para, first battle group sent into Sangin, said: “We can’t ignore the emotion the British are going to attach to Sangin, I mean my own battle group

went in there four years ago and half of our casualties were lost in Sangin.”

As much as the British and the U.S. aggressors would like the world to believe that Sangin was not a pull-out – was not a defeat – the reality cannot be glossed over. The statements of individual soldiers as well as of the leadership of the aggressors testify to the defeat.

While the forces of the superpowers bemoan their lack of ‘sufficient’ military hardware to subdue Sangin and to rout the Taliban, they lack totally in manhood and chivalry, for they are nothing but cowards unable to fight the Taliban face to face – man to man. They lament that they had insufficient armoured vehicles and helicopters whilst the Taliban had nothing to compare with the awesome and fearsome armoury which the sophisticated technology of the kuffaar could provide. They enjoyed great numerical superiority; murderous air forces, tanks, helicopter gunships, F-2 Fighter planes, transport planes, a variety of armoured vehicles, long range guns, and a variety

of other sophisticated equipment. On the other hand, the Taliban, a true ‘Rag Tag Army’, with fighters looking clumsy with their shawls and slippers, having had no military training, lacking in entirety all the sophisticated weaponry of the coalition cowards, having not a single armoured vehicle, no tanks, no planes, and equipped with only RPG’s, AK’s and some makeshift IED’s, have managed to knock hell out of the brutal coalition forces.

The vast military machine of the U.S. and NATO and the murderous aerial bombardments, the cruel use of chemical bombs, and the numerous unmanned drone attacks have neither vanquished the Taliban nor broken their morale. On the contrary, the Jihad (the so-called insurgency) has gained greater momentum and is on the upbeat while the invading aggressors are losing on all sides. They are able to show their presence only with their aerial bombardment by which they pummel villages and kill peasants and attack wedding parties, and brutally torture captives of war. These are their ‘battlefield’ accomplishments.

After 10 years of brutal occupation in the attempt to subjugate the Taliban, the coalition forces are basically secluded in fortified barracks. They emerge during their ‘operations’ which almost always culminate in failure and defeat for them. Their biggest and most -advertised ‘Operation Moshtarak’ to take Marjah, ended in dismal failure. Despite the aggressors throwing 35,000 troops into the operation, the position in Marjah is exactly the same as it was prior to the operation.

Their ‘Kandhar’ operation is also doomed for a similar fate. The world super powers with a coalition of almost 50 countries, with staging bases in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States, Pakistan and elsewhere, and with the support of the Pakistani army have miserably failed to subdue a comparatively small band of rag tag fighters. The Hand of Allah Azza Wa Jal is conspicuously visible. The Qur’aan Majeed declares to the kuffaar coalition:

“Numerous were the small bands who had defeated large armies with the permission of Allah.”

May Allah Ta’ala destroy the brutal invaders. May Allah Ta’ala grant the Taliban a resounding victory.

SLANDERING THE SOLDIERS OF ALLAH

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cash. Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States were supplying the Afghans with billions of dollars in cash over the Jihad decade. Pakistan was the staging board for the Afghan fight against the Russians. Pakistan supported and directed the war 100%. The entire Pakistan was sanctuary for the Afghan fighters. Pakistan provided shelter to millions of Afghan refugees.

The Afghan Mujahideen were given royal treatment in Saudi Arabia during the 1980’s and wherever they went. Every Jumuah, the Imaams in both Harams (Makkah and Madinah) from the mimbar made heartfelt and lengthy dua for the victory of the Afghans.

During the 1980’s the Afghans’ were wholly flirting and frolicking with the Saudi Wahhabis. Keller has hallucinated the distaste he has alleged, and imagined this fiction to be the basis of

the ‘barakah’ which the Afghan Jihad enjoyed.

On the contrary, in the current era, the Saudis, the Gulf States, all the Muslim states (not the Muslim populations), Pakistan and the entire world have become the enemies of the Taliban simply because everyone is in obsequious obeisance to the U.S.A. super imperialist power. The Taliban are hemmed in on all sides. There is absolutely no aid in any form for the Taliban from any country. They stand alone, friendless and forlorn relying today solely on Allah Azza Wajal, and this is the fulcrum of their power, and their greatest success. This is the basis of their success against the global coalition of aggressors.

The *barakah* is, Alhamdulillah, with the Taliban today. While the Afghans had consorted with the Saudis during the 1980’s, there is no link with them today. Even Shiah Iran who is

supposed to be the enemy of the U.S.A., has thrown in its lot with America against the Taliban. The moment the U.S.A. with its evil coalition invaded Afghanistan, Iran cut off the Taliban’s oil supplies. It blocked the road of refuge for the Taliban. It does not allow the Taliban any sanctuary on its territory bordering Afghanistan. But, with the *Nusrat* of Allah Azza Wa Jal, the Taliban are today riding on the crest of the wave with the illegitimate invading aggressors searching for a fast-exit, face-saving strategy.

A whole book can be written on the Taliban Movement and their role in Afghanistan. Here it will suffice to say that Keller while displaying puerility of the mind has committed a grave injustice against the Taliban Fighters of Allah Azza Wajal with his slanderous accusations. His sources of information are palpably the western media, hence he has blurted out so much unjust bunkum.

That the Taliban have weaknesses, is not denied. But, to fault them and

to deride their wonderful achievements against the brutal kuffaar invaders on the basis of lies and slanders is despicable and deplorable, especially when a Muslim is guilty of such travesty and crime. Today, there is no group of Muslims who follows the Deen as the Taliban do. With all their weaknesses they are still the best Muslims on earth, hence we see with open eyes Allah’s aid sustaining them. Just imagine – a Rag Tag Army of a few thousand primitive fighters pitted against the armies and air forces of 50 countries including the super powers, and shunned by even all the Muslim countries, not only holding out against the invaders, but defeating them in the battlefields and making them run like dogs with their tails between their legs. Even if the Taliban should be defeated, they and the Muslim World can hold their heads high with pride, for it will not be a defeat. It will be a tactical move to fight another day. May Allah Ta’ala cast His Special Shade of Rahmah on the Taliban, and may He fortify them with His Nusrat.

THE SAUDI PURGE OF KUFR –

INCREMENTAL SUPPRESSION OF ISLAM

King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has allied himself with the western plot against Islam. This plot is being furthered right in the heart of Islam, Arabia, with the active connivance of the Saudi King. Like all other governments in Muslim countries, the Saudi King too has crumbled and fallen to insidious anti-Islam forces who employ modernized Muslims to dig up the foundations of Islam. The Saudi monarch is currently executing this dastardly plot in the service of his kuffaar western masters.

The plot against Islam has intensified in Saudi Arabia after the king has formulated a new policy of ‘tolerant Islam’. One of the major acts of treachery instituted by Abdullah is the open-

ing of the satanic ‘International Technological University’ in Jeddah under his personal patronage. It is a haraam westernized university accompanied by all the haraam, immoral western paraphernalia such as mixed education of men and women, discos, night clubs, western-style uniforms and other acts of western debauchery.

Despite mixed education being banned by Saudi law in view of the Shariah’s prohibition, the Saudi king deemed it appropriate to override the Law of Allah Ta’ala to obsequiously kow-tow to his western masters.

When Shaikh Saad Shiteet, a member of the Supreme Council of Ulama objected to this haraam institution, he was promptly dismissed by the king.

In February 2009, King Abdullah

reshuffled his government. The head of the Supreme Judicial Council whom the West accused of “blocking reforms” was replaced. The head of the *Amr Bil Ma’roof Nahy Anil Munkar* police was also dismissed. New ‘moderate’ persons were appointed to the Council of Ulama and the consultative Shura Council.

The West hailed the King’s steps in the direction of kufr and described the moves of modernization a ‘revolution’ which is ‘sweeping’ away the ‘old guard’.

Reporting on the modernization and kufization of Saudi Arabia under King Abdullah, *Kavkaz Centre* states:

“The judicial sector (i.e. Shariah provisions – KC) had begun to embarrass the government, especially in the outside world” – says Fahd al-Shaafi, a Saudi political analyst. Meanwhile ac-

cording to a source of the *AzanNews* in Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Information of Saudia, within the framework of the execution of an order of the King, blocked access to the largest Islamic websites. Among them are the Islam: Q & A by Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Salih al-Munajjid; the website IslamWay, which is the biggest website that contains lessons and fatwas of scholars; the website IslamWeb, and many more.

The reason for the closure is disobeying a recent order by the king who ordered to restrict the right to issue fatwas to only members of the so-called “Standing Committee on Fatwa”, since all these websites have sections on Fatwa. After that, major websites that are accessed by every simple Muslim in matters of Deen came under attack.

Meanwhile, secularists and atheists in newspapers and on the Saudi Arabian TV continue quietly to express their views on important matters of the

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WHY THE TALIBAN IS WINNING IN AFGHANISTAN

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AFGHANISTAN – THE GREAT HELL OF THE GREAT COLONIALISTS

As Washington and London struggle to prop up a puppet government over which Hamid Karzai has no control, they risk repeating the blood-soaked 19th-century history of Britain's imperial defeat.

In 1843, shortly after his return from Afghanistan, an army chaplain, Reverend G R Gleig, wrote a memoir about the First Anglo-Afghan War, of which he was one of the very few survivors. It was, he wrote, "a war begun for no wise purpose, carried on with a strange mixture of rashness and timidity, brought to a close after suffering and disaster, without much glory attached either to the government which directed, or the great body of troops which waged it. Not one benefit, political or military, has Britain acquired with this war. Our eventual evacuation of the country resembled the retreat of an army defeated."

It is difficult to imagine the cur-

rent military adventure in Afghanistan ending quite as badly as the First Afghan War, an abortive - experiment in Great Game colonialism that slowly descended into what is arguably the greatest military humiliation ever suffered by the west in the Middle East: an entire army of what was then the most powerful military nation in the world utterly routed and destroyed by poorly equipped tribesmen, at the cost of £15m (well over £1bn in modern currency) and more than 40,000 lives. But nearly ten years on from Nato's invasion of Afghanistan, there are increasing signs that Britain's fourth war in the country could end with as few political gains as the first three and, like them, terminate in an embarrassing withdrawal after a humiliating defeat, with Afghanistan yet again left in tribal chaos and quite possibly ruled by the same government that the war was launched to overthrow.

18,000 BRITISH INVADERS PERISHED IN THE DEATH MARCH

.....This is especially true of the Khord-Kabul and Tezeen passes, immediately to the south of Kabul, where as many as 18,000 British troops were lost in 1842, and which are today again a centre of resistance against perceived foreign occupiers. Aid workers familiar with Afghanistan over several decades say the security situation has never been worse. Ideas much touted only a few years ago that Afghanistan might become a popular tourist destination - a Switzerland of central Asia - now seem to be dreams from a distant age. Lonely Planet's guidebook to Afghanistan, optimistically published in 2005, has not been updated and is now once again out of print.

The present war is following a trajectory that is beginning to feel unsettlingly familiar to students of the Great Game. In 1839, the British invaded Afghanistan on the basis of sexed-up intelligence about a non-existent threat: information about a single Russian envoy to Kabul was manipulated by a group of ambitious and ideologically driven hawks to create a scare - in this case, about a phantom Russian invasion - thus bringing about an unnecessary, expensive and entirely avoidable war.

Initially, the hawks were

triumphant - the British conquest proved remarkably easy and bloodless; Kabul was captured within a few weeks as the army of the previous regime melted into the hills, and a pliable monarch, Shah Shuja, was successfully placed on the throne. For a few months the British played cricket, went skating and put on amateur theatricals as if on summer leave in Simla; there were discussions about making Kabul the summer capital of the Raj. Then an insurgency began and that first heady success slowly unravelled, first among the Pashtuns of Kandahar and Helmand Provinces. It slowly gained momentum, moving northwards until it reached Kabul, so making the British occupation impossible to sustain.

What happened next is a warning of how bad things could yet become: a full-scale rebellion against the British broke out in Kabul, and the two most senior British envoys, Sir Alexander Burnes and Sir William Macnaghten, were assassinated, one hacked to death by a mob in the streets, the other stabbed and shot by the resistance leader Wazir Akbar Khan during negotiations. It was on the retreat that followed, on 6 January 1842, that the 18,000 East In-

dia Company troops, and maybe half that many again Indian camp followers, were slaughtered by Afghan marksmen waiting in ambush amid the high passes, shot down as they trudged through the icy depths of the Afghan winter. After eight days on the death march, the last 50 survivors made their final stand at the village of Gandamak. As late as the 1970s, fragments of Victorian weaponry and military equipment could be found lying in the scree above the village. Even today, the hill is said to be covered with the bleached bones of the British dead.

One Englishman lived to tell the tale of that last stand (if you discount the fictional survival of Flashman) - an ordinary foot soldier, Thomas Souter, wrapped his regimental colours around him to prevent them being captured, and was taken hostage by the Afghans who assumed that such a colourfully clothed individual must command a high ransom. It is a measure of the increasingly pertinent parallels between the 19th-century war and today's that one of the main Nato bases in Afghanistan was recently named Camp Souter after that survivor.

THE COLONIALIST COALITION HEMMED IN

Certainly it is becoming clearer than ever that the once-hated Taliban, far from being swept away by General Stanley McChrystal's (*and Obama's-Al-Haq*) surge, are instead regrouping, ready for the final act in the history of Hamid Karzai's western-installed puppet government. The Taliban have now advanced out of their borderland safe havens to the very gates of Kabul and are surrounding the capital, much as the US-backed mujahedin once did to the Soviet-installed regime in the late

1980s. Like a rerun of an old movie, all journeys by non-Afghans out of the capital are once again confined largely to tanks, military convoys and helicopters. The Taliban already control more than 70 per cent of the country, where they collect taxes, enforce the sharia and dispense their usual rough justice. Every month, their sphere of influence increases. According to a recent Pentagon report, Karzai's government has control of only 29 out of 121 key strategic districts.

TALIBAN ON THE OFFENSIVE

Just recently, on 17 May, there was a suicide attack on a US convoy in the Dar-ul Aman quarter of Kabul, killing 12 civilians and six American soldiers; the following day, there was a daring five-hour-long grenade and machine-gun assault on the US military headquarters at Bagram Airbase, killing an American contractor and wounding nine soldiers, so bringing the death toll for US armed forces in the country to more than 1,000. Then, over the week-end of 22-23 May, there was a series of rocket, mortar and ground assaults on Kandahar Airbase just as the British ministerial delegation was about to visit it, forcing William Hague and Liam Fox to alter their schedule. Since then, a dozen top Afghan officials have been assassinated in Kandahar, including the city of Kandahar's deputy mayor. On 7 June, the deadliest day for Nato forces

in months, ten soldiers were killed. Finally, it appears that the Taliban have regained control of the opium-growing centre of Marjah in Helmand Province, only three months after being driven out by McChrystal's forces amid much gung-ho cheerleading in the US media. Afghanistan is going down.

Already, despite the presence of huge numbers of foreign troops, it is now impossible - or at least extremely foolhardy - for any westerner to walk around the capital, Kabul, without armed guards; it is even more inadvisable to head out of town in any direction except north: the strongly anti-Taliban Panjshir Valley, along with the towns of Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat, are the only safe havens left for westerners in the entire country. In all other directions, travel is possible only in an armed convoy.

THE GREATEST IMPERIAL DISASTER

In the years that followed, the British defeat in Afghanistan became pregnant with symbolism. For the Victorian British, it was the country's greatest imperial disaster of the 19th century. It was exactly a century before another army would be lost, in Singapore in 1942. Yet the retreat from Kabul also became a symbol of gallantry against the odds: William Barnes Wollen's celebrated oil painting *The Last Stand of the 44th Regiment at Gundamuck* - showing a group of ragged but doggedly determined British soldiers standing encircled behind a porcupine of bayonets, as the Pashtun tribesmen close in - became one of the best-known images of the era, along with *Remnants of an Army*, Elizabeth Butler's image of the wounded and bleeding army surgeon William Brydon, who had made it through to the safety of Jalalabad, arriving before the city walls on his collapsing

nag.

For the Afghans, the British defeat of 1842 became a symbol of freedom from foreign invasion. It is again no accident that the diplomatic quarter of Kabul is named after the general who oversaw the rout of the British in that year: Wazir Akbar Khan.

For south Asians, who provided most of the cannon fodder - the foot soldiers and followers killed on the retreat - the war ironically became a symbol of possibility: although thousands of Indians died on the march, it showed that the British army was not invincible and a well-planned insurgency could force them out. Thus, in 1857, the Indians launched their own anti-colonial uprising, the Great Mutiny (as it is known in Britain) or the first war of independence (as it is known in India), partly inspired by what the Afghans had achieved in 1842.

THE STRAW OF NEGOTIATION

"The only answer is to negotiate a political solution while we still have enough power to

do so, which in some form or other involves talking to the Taliban. This is a course that Karzai, to his credit, is keen to pursue".

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PALESTINE

While the Taliban Mujahideen in Afghanistan are, Alhamdulillah, enjoying substantial progress and advancement in the Jihad against the U.S.A. and its coalition of 50 countries, there is no progress in the fight against the Zionist state of Israel in Palestine. Israeli brutality continues unabated, with the Palestinians in disarray and defeat. No successes against the Israeli enemy are being achieved by the Palestinian fighters. In fact, there is no fight against Israel in the Palestinian territories.

It is quite conspicuous that while the Taliban are enjoying a large measure of *Nusrat (Divine Aid)*, the Palestinian Muslims are wholly deprived of such aid. There is no conundrum underlying this deprivation. The differentiating element between Afghanistan and Palestine is the Deen. While the Taliban are fighting from a Deeni – an Islamic – base, the Palestinian struggle is on secular basis.

The two opposing factions in Palestine, the so-called Palestinian Authority of the West Bank – the Fatah group – and Hamas of the Gaza Strip – are both secular, Islamically irreligious groups. Both are secular groups with the former one verging on atheism. Thus, the Palestinian struggle is a nationalist movement based on secularism. They are not fighting for an Islamic state.

While the followers of the deceased Yassar Arafat have long ago abandoned the fight against Israel, Hamas now and again barks a bit like a toothless dog. Since the objective of even Hamas is not the Deen nor the establishment of Allah's Law, it is spiritually bereft of *Roohaaniyat (the power of Imaan)*. Spiritually emaciated, Hamas is in entirety impotent against the Zionist enemy. The other group (Fatah) has long ago humiliated itself by declaring its impotency.

Although Hamas is impotent against Israel, it is 'powerful' against its own kind who are clamouring for the Law of Allah Azza Wa Jal. *Jundu Ansaarillah (The Army of the Helpers of the Deen of Allah)*, is the small group of Palestinians clamouring for an Islamic state. Formerly, the Ameer of Jundu Ansaarillaah, was also part of Hamas. After Hamas had succeeded capturing the Gaza Strip having

wrested it from the Yasar Arafat Clique, the Ameer, Shaikh Abdul Latif Musa, urged Hamas to now implement the Shariah and declare an Islamic state. Since the objective of Hamas was never Islam and the establishment of the Shariah, it refused. The disillusioned Shaikh Abdul Latif Musa then broke away from Hamas and formed *Jundu Ansaarillah*.

The Shaikh's demand was intolerable to the Hamas secularists. The logical consequence was for Hamas to embark on the move to exterminate the Shaikh's nascent Deeni movement. Matters came to a head, and Hamas emulating Israel stormed the Musjid where the Shaikh was delivering the Jumua Khutbah. Hamas forces, unable to fight the real enemy, viz., the Israeli Zionists, surrounded the Musjid on a particular Friday in the Gaza town of Rafah. About a hundred members of *Jundu Ansaarillah* were in the Musjid at the time when it was besieged by the irreligious force of Hamas.

Hamas had closed all roads leading to Rafah, declaring it a military zone. Numerous arrests have been made by Hamas. They simply repeated Israeli tactics and methods of brutality. How then can they expect victory or any measure of success against the Zionist enemy?

The *Jundu Ansaarillah* Mujahideen made a valiant stand against the Hamas enemies of Islam. The fighting continued for about 7 hours. The irreligious supporters of Hamas had fired rocket-propelled grenades at the Ibn Taimiyyah Musjid. Rockets which were originally designed for use against the Zionist occupiers, were thus used by Hamas against their own brethren, and against the House of Allah Azza Wa Jal. They and the Zionists thus stand on the same platform, pitted against the Deen of Allah Ta'ala. In the fight 16 Mujahideen and 6 Hamas fighters were killed. About 150 were wounded. On its website, the Palestinian Mujahideen said: "*We take oath by Allah! The blood of the Mujahideen will be avenged.*"

Why did the secular Hamas whose objective is a secular state, attack the *Jundu Ansaarillah*? During a Jumua Khutbah, the Ameer declared that the Gaza territory was an Islamic state. The *Jundu Ansaarillah* had also objected to the ceasefire between Israel

THE PAKISTAN TALIBAN

This destabilising effect on south Asia of the failed war in Afghanistan has a direct parallel in the blowback that is today destabilising Pakistan and the tribal territories of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata). Here the Pakistani Taliban are once more on the march, rebuilding their presence in Swat, and are now surrounding Peshawar, which is almost daily being rocked by bombs, while outlying groups of Taliban are again spreading their influence into the valleys leading towards Islamabad. Across much of the North-West Frontier Province - roughly a fifth of Pakistan's territory - women have now been forced into the burqa, music has been silenced, barbershops are forbidden to shave beards and more than 125 girls' schools have been blown up or burned down.

A significant proportion of the Peshawar elite, along with the city's musicians, have decamped to the relatively safe and tolerant confines of Lahore and Karachi, while tens of thousands of ordinary people from the surrounding hills of the semi-autonomous Fata tribal belt, and especially the Bajaur Agency (or tribal

area), have fled from the conflict zones blasted by US Predator drones and strafed by Pakistani helicopter gunships to the tent camps ringing the provincial capital.

The Fata, it is true, have never been fully under the control of any Pakistani government, and have always been unruly, but the region has been radicalised as never before by the rain of shells and cluster bombs that have caused huge civilian casualties and daily add a stream of angry foot soldiers to the insurgency. Elsewhere in Pakistan, anti-western religious and political extremism continues to flourish, as ever larger numbers of ordinary Pakistanis are driven to fight by corruption, predatory politics and the abuse of power by Pakistan's feudal elite, as well as the military aggression of the drones. Indeed, the ripples of instability lapping out from Afghanistan and Pakistan have reached even New York. When CIA interrogators asked Faisal Shahzad why he tried to let off a car bomb last month in Times Square, he told them of his desire to avenge those "innocent people being hit by drones from above".

and Hamas. It is their belief that the Jihad against Israel must continue and there should be no ceasefire until the elimination of Israel. Hamas is opposed to Islamic rule.

Since Hamas seized Gaza from the Fatah group in 2007, the Mujahideen are the most serious threat which the Hamas nationalists have faced. While Hamas may have achieved a measure of success over the Mujahideen, it will be temporary. Those waging Jihad for the sake of Allah's Word, cannot be silenced and eliminated. They will most assuredly rise again with Allah's aid, for Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "*Jihad will continue until the Day of Qiyaamah.*"

Ismail Haniya, the leader of the Hamas nationalist group, displaying his aversion for Islam, commenting on the confrontation said: "These declarations (i.e. of Islamic state) are aimed towards incitement against the Gaza Strip." This is the stupid reaction of a man who has lost his Deeni bearings. Hamas has drifted wide off course from the Path of Islam. Its struggle is not for Allah's sake. It will therefore be deprived of Allah's aid. Thus, it will remain in subjugation to the Israeli enemy.

"WE WILL BREAK YOUR TEETH"

.....After the jirga was over, one of the tribal elders came over and we chatted for a while over a glass of green tea. "Last month," he said, "some American officers called us to a hotel in Jalalabad for a meeting. One of them asked me, 'Why do you hate us?' I replied, 'Because you blow down our doors, enter our houses, pull our women by the hair and kick our children. We cannot accept this. We will fight back, and we will break your teeth, and when your teeth are broken you will leave, just as the British left before you. It is just a matter of time.'"

What did he say to that? (*Asked William Dalrymple*) "He turned to his friend and said, 'If the old men are like this, what will the younger ones be like?' In truth, all the Americans here know that their game is over. It is just their politicians who deny this."

HATED ARROGANCE

The defeat of the west's latest puppet government on the very same hill of Gandamak where the British came to grief in 1842 made me think, on the way back to Kabul, about the increasingly close parallels between the fix that Nato is in and the one faced by the British 170 years ago.

Now as then, the problem is not hatred of the west, so much as a dislike of foreign troops swaggering around and making themselves odious to the very people they are meant to be helping. On the return journey, as we crawled back up the passes towards Kabul, we got stuck behind a US military convoy of

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SOMALIA

The Jihad waged by the Ash-Shabaab Mujahideen in Somalia continues unabated. There are almost daily confrontations between the Mujahideen and America's puppet cardboard government bolstered and protected by the U.N-appointed kuffaar invading force.

The 'rule' of the so-called 'government' extends to perhaps a couple of hundred metres around the buildings where the so-called 'president' is holed up. The greater part of the country is ruled by Ash-Shabaab. There is very little information about the Jihad emanating from Somalia.

CHECHNYA

The Jihad in Chechnya and other Caucasian territories is continuing. The Mujahideen stage frequent and many operations against the occupying enemy and its puppet 'governments'. There is a dearth of information regarding the Jihad.

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THEY FAIL TO HEED THE PARALLELS

There has always been an absolute refusal by the Afghans to be ruled by foreigners, or to accept any government perceived as being imposed on the country from abroad. Now as then, the puppet ruler installed by the west has proved inadequate to the job. Too weak, unpopular and corrupt to provide security or development, he has been forced to turn on his puppeteers in order to retain even a vestige of legitimacy in the eyes of his people. Recently, Karzai has accused the US, the UK and the UN of orchestrating a fraud in last year's elections, described Nato forces as "an army of occupation", and even threatened to join the Taliban if Washington kept putting pressure on him. Shah Shuja did much the same thing in 1842, towards the end of his rule, and was known to have offered his allegiance and assistance to the insurgents who eventually toppled and beheaded him.

Now as then, there have been few tangible signs of improvement under the western-backed regime. Despite the US pouring approximately \$80bn into Afghanistan, the roads in Kabul are still more rutted than those in the smallest provincial towns of Pakistan. There is little health care; for any severe medical condition, patients still have to fly to India. A quarter of all teachers in Afghanistan are themselves illiterate. In many areas, district governance is almost non-existent: half the governors do not have an office, more

than half have no electricity, and most receive only \$6 a month in expenses. Civil servants lack the most basic education and skills.

This is largely because \$76.5bn of the \$80bn committed to the country has been spent on military and security, and most of the remaining \$3.5bn on international consultants, some of whom are paid in excess of \$1,000 a day, according to an Afghan government report. This, in turn, has had other negative effects. As in 1842, the presence of large numbers of well-paid foreign troops has caused the cost of food and provisions to rise, and living standards to fall. The Afghans feel they are getting poorer, not richer.

There are other similarities. Then as now, the war effort was partially privatised: it was not so much the British army as a corporation, the East India Company, that provided most of the troops who fought the war for Britain in 1842, just as today both the British and the Americans have subcontracted much of their security work to private companies. When I visited the British embassy, I found that many of the security guards at the gatehouse were not army or military police, but from Group 4 Security. The US security contracts offered to Blackwater/Xe and other private security forces under Dick Cheney's ideologically driven policy of privatising war are worth many millions of dollars.

SECURITY IS WORSE DESPITE THE \$25 BILLION

Yet it is not too late to learn some lessons from the mistakes of the British in 1842. Then, British officials in Kabul continued to send out despatches of delusional optimism as the insurgents moved ever closer to Kabul, believing that there was a straightforward military solution to the problem and that if only they could recruit enough Afghans to their army, they could eventually march out, leaving that regime in place - exactly the sentiments expressed by the Defence Secretary,

Liam Fox, on his visit to Afghanistan last month.

In 1842, by the time they realised they had to negotiate a political solution, their power had ebbed too far, and the only thing the insurgents were willing to negotiate was an unconditional surrender. Today, too, there is no easy military solution to Afghanistan: even if we proceed with the plan to equip an army of half a million troops (at the cost of roughly \$2bn a year, when the entire revenue of the Afghan government is \$1.1bn - in other words, 180 per cent of revenue), that army will never be able to guarantee security or shore up such a discredited regime. Every day, despite the military power of the US and Nato and the \$25bn so far ploughed into rebuilding the Afghan army, security gets worse, and the area under government control contracts week by week.

HATED ARROGANCE

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eight Humvees and two armoured personnel carriers in full camouflage, all travelling at less than 20 miles per hour. Despite the slow speed, the troops refused to let any Afghan drivers overtake them, for fear of suicide bombers, and they fired warning shots at any who attempted to do so. By the time we reached the top of the pass two hours later, there were 300 cars and trucks backed up behind the convoy, each one full of Afghans furious at being ordered around in their own country by a group of foreigners. Every day, small incidents of arrogance and insensitivity such as this make the anger grow.

TALIBAN OPERATIONS

On Saturday 9 Shawwaal 1431 (18 September 1431) the Taliban carried out **239** operations against the American rigged election polling stations, and **90** operations against the U.S. and NATO coalition forces.

THE "LICENSED ASSASSINS" BOMB AND KILL OUR CHILDREN

Finally, now as then, there has been an attempt at a last show of force in order to save face before withdrawal. As happened in 1842, it has achieved little except civilian casualties and the further alienation of the Afghans. As one of the tribal elders from Jegdalek said to me: "How many times can they apologise for killing our innocent women and children and expect us to forgive them? They come, they bomb, they kill us and then they say, 'Oh, sorry, we got the wrong people.' And they keep doing that."

The British soldiers of 1842 found

the same reaction in their day. In his diary of his time with the British army of retribution, which laid waste to great areas of southern Afghanistan as punishment for the massacres on the retreat from Kabul earlier in the year, the young Captain N Chamberlain reported how his troops inflicted horrible atrocities on any Afghan civilians they could find. One morning he met a wounded Afghan woman dragging herself towards a stream with a water pot. "I filled the vessel for her," he wrote, "but all she said was, 'Curses on the feringhees [foreigners]!' I continued on my way disgusted with myself, the world, above all with my cruel profession. In fact, we are nothing but licensed assassins."

KARZAI - A C.I.A. ASSET

.....However, there are some important differences between Britain's first defeat in Afghanistan and the current mess. In 1842, we were at least reinstalling a legitimate Afghan ruler and removing one who could genuinely be cast as an illegitimate usurper. Shah Shuja, the British puppet, was a former ruler of the Sadozai dynasty, from the leading Pashtun clan, and a grandson of the great Ahmed Shah Durrani, the first king of a united Afghanistan. As the traveller and pioneering archaeologist Charles Masson

observed: "The Afghans had no objection to the match; they merely disliked the manner of the wooing."

This time, we have been clumsier, and Nato has helped install a former CIA asset accused by a high-ranking UN diplomat of drug abuse and of having a history of mental instability, with little to recommend him other than that he was once run out of Langley. Although Karzai is a Pashtun of the Popalzai tribe, under his watch. Nato has in effect installed the Northern Alliance in Kabul and driven the country's Pashtun majority out of power.

WITHDRAWAL AND RETREAT

In the meantime, Obama has announced that he will begin withdrawing troops in July 2011. The start of the US withdrawal is likely to begin a rush to evacuate the other Nato forces located in pockets around the country: the Dutch have announced that they will be pulling out of Uruzgan this summer, and the Canadian and Danes won't be far behind them. Nor will the Brits, despite assurances from Hague and Fox. A recent poll showed that 72

per cent of Britons want their troops out of Afghanistan immediately, and there is only so long any government can hold out against such strong public opinion. Certainly, it is time to shed the idea that a pro-western puppet regime that excludes the Pashtuns can remain in place indefinitely. The Karzai government is crumbling before our eyes, and if we delude ourselves that this is not the case, we could yet face a replay of 1842.

A WARNING

George Lawrence, a veteran of that war, issued a prescient warning in the *Times* just before Britain blundered into the Second Anglo-Afghan War in the 1870s. "A new generation has arisen which, instead of profiting from the

solemn lessons of the past, is willing and eager to embroil us in the affairs of that turbulent and unhappy country," he wrote. "Although military disasters may be avoided, an advance now, however successful in a military point of view, would not fail to turn out to be as politically useless."

(William Dalrymple's book, "First Anglo-Afghan War", is planned for release in autumn 2012)

THE TALIBAN - UNSHAKEABLE

Commenting on William Dalrymple's article, a non-Muslim said:

"The reason why the Taliban are winning is because they are totally and unshakeably convinced that God has commanded them to fight the infidel, and promises them paradise if they do so and eternal damnation if they don't.

The will of this enemy to win is unbreakable. Ours isn't, because it is not reinforced by religious conviction.

It gets worse. After the Taliban have defeated NATO, the mightiest military

alliance that ever took to a battlefield, they can project their power into Europe. They'll find a way, don't worry. Impregnable in their fortresses, they can and will defeat us, though it may take decades.

We can never defeat them, neither do we have the will to do so. Over the next few years, as Western economies collapse and mass unemployment returns to stay, our societies and way of life will simply not be worth defending."

THE U.S. – ‘A COWARDLY ENEMY’

“...Moreover, while the drones may seem a technological marvel and strategic asset to those waging the campaign on the American side, they don’t impress the local tribesmen. On the contrary, they feed a perception that the U.S. is a cowardly enemy, too frightened to shed blood in battle. “The militants say that if the Americans want to come and fight, they should fight them face to face”, says Mahmood Shah, a retired brigadier who was once the top Pakistani official in FATA (Federally Administered Tribal Area which is the tribal zones along the borders of Pakistan and Afghansitan – Al-Haq).

Shah, a Pashtun himself, says the families of the drones’ victims are required under tribal code to seek revenge, which makes them ideal recruits for militant leaders....” (Time Magazine)

Indeed, that the Americans and all coalition forces are yellow cowards, is no secret. It is common knowledge that these cowardly invaders cannot fight the Taliban on the ground. They live in fortified barracks and murder from the air with murderous cluster and chemical bombs. They prey on old women and girls. They brutalize unarmed civilians. They horrendously torture captives in their secret, black torture facilities. When they are constrained to come out of their barracks on some ill-founded operation, they are the sissies who move at the rear of their Afghan puppet soldiers. They send ahead these Afghan puppets while they remain far in the rear. Their cowardice has made them drug addicts and has afflicted them with a variety of mental diseases. Their own confessions testify to these facts.

STATEMENT BY THE ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANISTAN

Commenting on the sacking of General McChrystal, the Commander of the invader coalition forces, Qari Muhammad Yusuf Ahmadi, on behalf of the Emirate stated:

“History testifies to more powerful and experienced generals than General McChrystal and empires mightier than the United States of America having surrendered and bowed down in front of the Afghans. This is why Afghanistan is called the graveyard of super powers.

Besides the bravery and sacrific-

es of our fearless Mujahideen, it was the hidden help of Allah Azza Wa Jal which forced the enemy armies to bow down, and which proved the great failure of Obama’s strategy. Regardless of how many policies they make and how many generals they change, the U.S. and NATO have no alternative except to bow down to the principled stance of Ameerul Mu’mineen, Mullah Omer. There will be no peace unless the Islamic government is set up and all occupation forces leave Afghanistan.”

NO VICTORY FOR THE U.S.

“.....Rhetoric that just a few years ago they would have mocked. They are trying to manipulate perceptions because there is no definition of victory – because victory is not even defined or recognizable. ..That’s the game we’re in right now. What we need, for strategic purposes, is to create the perception that we didn’t run off. says Celeste Ward, a senior defense analyst in the RAND Corporation. He served as a political adviser to U.S. commanders in Iraq in 2006. The facts on the ground are not great, and are not going to become great in the near future.”

“COIN STRATEGY – A FRAUD”

“.....Vice President Biden (of the U.S.) argued that a prolonged counterinsurgency campaign in Afghanistan would plunge America into a military quagmire without weakening international terrorist networks. “The entire COIN strategy is a fraud perpetuated on the American people. The idea that we are going to spend a trillion dollars to reshape the culture of the Islamic world is utter nonsense.”, says Douglas Macgregor, a retired colonel and leading critic of the counterinsurgency who attended West Point with McChrystal.” (Michael Hastings)

“MORE INSANE THAN A QUAGMIRE”

“..... (In Afghanistan), the prospects for any kind of success look bleak. In June the death toll for U.S. troops passed 1000, and the number of IEDs has doubled. Spending hundreds of billions of dollars on the fifth-poorest country on earth has failed to win over the civilian population, whose attitude towards U.S. troops ranges from intensely wary to openly hostile. The biggest military operation of the year – a ferocious offensive that began in February to retake the southern town of Marjah – continues to drag on, prompting McChrystal (the sacked U.S. General) himself to refer to it as a

“bleeding ulcer”. In June, Afghanistan officially outpaced Vietnam as the longest war in American history. The president (Obama) finds himself stuck in something even more insane than a quagmire; a quagmire he knowingly walked into, even though it’s precisely the kind of gigantic, mind-numbing, multigenerational nation-building project he explicitly said he didn’t want.”

“We will become more deeply engaged here with no way to extricate ourselves.”, Eikenberry, the U.S. Ambassador warned.”

(Michael Hastings)

“THE TALIBAN TOO STRONG”

“Whatever the nature of the new plan, the delay underscores the fundamental flaws of counterinsurgency. After nine years of war, the Taliban simply remains too strongly entrenched for the U.S. military to openly attack. The very people that COIN seeks to win over – the Afghan people – do not want us there.There is a reason that President Obama studiously avoids the word “victory” when he talks about Afghanistan. Winning, it would seem, is not really possible.” (Michael Hastings)

impossibility.

As long as the Mujahideen do not adorn themselves with the fundamental and essential requisite of *Taqwa*, outright victory against the kuffaar is not possible. Despite the moral and spiritual

deficiencies of the Mujahideen, Allah’s aid is with them in large measure, albeit short of outright victory. Allah Ta’ala is sustaining the Jihad and has allowed the Mujahideen to humiliate the combined armies of 50 kuffaar countries.

REQUISITE FOR OUTRIGHT VICTORY

In Jihad, victory for the Muslim army depends on the *Nusrat (Aid)* of Allah Azza Wa Jal. Muslims cannot achieve victory on the basis of numerical superiority and abundance and superiority of weaponry. While the reliance of kuffaar armies are on these material means and agencies, the focus of the Muslim army must incumbently be only Allah Azza Wa Jal. Hence, the Qur’aan Majeed orders the Mujahideen who fight in the Path of Allah: “O People of Imaan! When you meet the kuffaar in battle, then be firm and remember Allah much so that you attain victory.”

Allah Ta’ala also declares in the Qur’aan Shareef: “And, if Allah aids you, then no one can defeat you. And, if He withholds His aid, then who is there besides Allah to help you.”

When the oppressed and brutalized Bani Israaeel, complained and cried to Nabi Musa (alayhis salaam) about Fir’oun’s horrendous oppression and torture, he responded: “Seek aid (from Allah) with Sabr (patience) and Salaat. Verily, the earth belongs to Allah. He grants its sovereignty to whomever He wishes of His servants.....Soon will Allah destroy your enemies, and establish you on earth (as the rulers), then He will watch how you fare.”(i.e. whether you are obedient or disobedient).

Allah’s aid is dependent on *Taqwa* (Fear for Allah/Piety), and *Taqwa* is the fruit of total submission to the Shariah and adoption of the Sunnah, inwardly and outwardly. Minus moral purification and reformation, *Taqwa* is a total

THE SAUDI PURGE OF KUFR –

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Deen, deceiving ignorant Muslims, and no attempts have been made by the Saudi regime to restrict them from doing so. Also there remains freely accessible websites which defame Islam, promoting pornography and the like.”

Hijaab is also increasingly being abandoned. In submission to western demands the haraam creature of women’s lib. Is being promoted in all spheres in the country. The Saudi king is the first one who has initiated the process of flagrant immorality in Arabia. He is setting the stage for the materialization of Rasulullah’s predic-

tion, viz., in proximity to Qiyaamah, Arab women will dance and gyrate around idols.

Add to these evils the criminal arrest, imprisonment and torture of thousands of Muslims who had dared to draw attention to the evils of the government. Today, tens of thousands of Muslims are languishing in Saudi dungeons and torture centres. According to Dr. Ahmad Ghorab who at one stage was a lecturer at Riyadh University from where he was dismissed when he began to expose the oriental conspiracy against Islam which Saudi Arabia is financing.

‘THEY CANNOT BE DEFEATED’

“Many in Washington believe that the Taliban is an indigenous movement that can’t be defeated militarily – most agree that it can’t be won in the next few years – and that defeating the Taliban is not essential to Western security needs. Most of the regions main players, including President Karzai himself, are operating on the assumption that the only plausible endgame for the war in Afghanistan is some form of political settlement with the Taliban – and reports from the region suggest that the pursuit of such a settlement, with Pakistan acting as broker, has already begun via discreet talks. The Taliban’s military momentum diminishes its incentive to compromise... The Obama administration is trying to achieve a rapid end to the war that is costing the U.S.

\$100 billion a year for limited strategic returns. Even the perennially upbeat General David Petraeus concedes that overcoming the Taliban could take another nine or ten years.” (TIME Magazine)

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